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1. IN A JUNE 26 MEETING WITH CONGENOFFS, FEI I-MIN, PUBLISHER OF HONG KONG'S PRC- CONTROLED DAILY TA KUNG PAO, STATED THAT PRC VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING PLANS TO VISIT FRANCE LATER THIS YEAR. FEI, WHO IS A MEMBER OF CHINA'S NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AND A STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE (A UNITED FRONT ORGANIZATION), ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO REPORTS THAT PARTY CHAIRMAN AND PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG WILL VISIT YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA THIS YEAR.

2. COMMENT; THIS IS THE FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE SEEN SECRET

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OF A POSSIBLE TENG VISIT TO GRANCE. THE COMMON SPECULATION HAS BEEN THAT HUA WOULD LIKELY MAKE THAT TRIP. TENG IS A LOGICAL CHOICE, HOWEVER, GIVEN HIS BACKGROUND AS A STUDENT IN FRANCE DURING THE 1920'S, AND HIS 1975 VISIT TO PARIS WHEN HE WAS VICE PREMIER. SHOESMITH

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